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CRUISER GOEBEN DISABLED BY BRITISH AUSTRIAN-GERMAN WAR CHIEFS SPLIT

WILSON GIVES REPRIMAND TO DELEGATES OF COLORED BODY

President Rebukes William Monroe Trotter for Statements Made and Questions Asked at the White House.

Delegation Had Threatened to Advise All Voters of Race to Cast Ballots Against Democratic Party.

Warm words passed today between President Wilson and a delegation of colored men who called at the White House to protest against the continuation of segregation at the Treasury and other departments of the Federal Government.

Declaring that never since he has been in office has he been addressed in such an insulting fashion, the President told William Monroe Trotter, of Boston, a colored man, secretary of the National Independence League, that if ever again he consented to receive representatives of the league, that body would have to select another spokesman.

The delegation will hold a mass meeting at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church here next Sunday to protest against what the members declared on leaving the White House, was an "entirely disappointing" expression from the President as to his position on the matter.

The delegation is the same which sought unsuccessfully before the recent election to see the President, and then threatened to advise all colored voters of the country to vote against the Democratic ticket.

Nearly An Hour.

The delegation was supposed to be with the President only fifteen minutes. As it was it was closeted with him for nearly an hour, while the Secretary of Commerce and other callers on the list were compelled to wait.

In the meantime the members of the delegation, after delivering their respective speeches and hearing the President's reply, attempted to cross-examine him. He answered several of the questions put to him by the secretary of the league, but as these grew more objectionable in character, the President showed his indignation.

Previously, however, he had told the delegation that while he believed that segregation in the departments was for the best interests of both races in order to overcome racial friction, and wished to see every way to assist the colored race toward its independent development, he could not investigate individual cases of discrimination which they might bring from time to time to him.

Shows Indifference.

The President refused to regard the matter from a political standpoint, and indicated his indifference toward the previously conveyed threats of the league that it would oppose all Democratic candidates in the future. The problem, he declared, was a human one, and one which could not be solved by segregation, but segregation was a drastic measure which the colored civil service employees would have equal advantages in the way of working conditions.

"What the President told us," said Secretary Trotter, as he left the White House, "was entirely disappointing. His statement that segregation was intended to prevent racial friction is not supported by facts. For fifty years colored people have been in the Federal Government, and yet no progress has been made. It was not until the present Administration came in that segregation was drastically introduced, and the cause of the racial prejudices of John K. Williams, Secretary McAdoo, and Secretary Burleson."

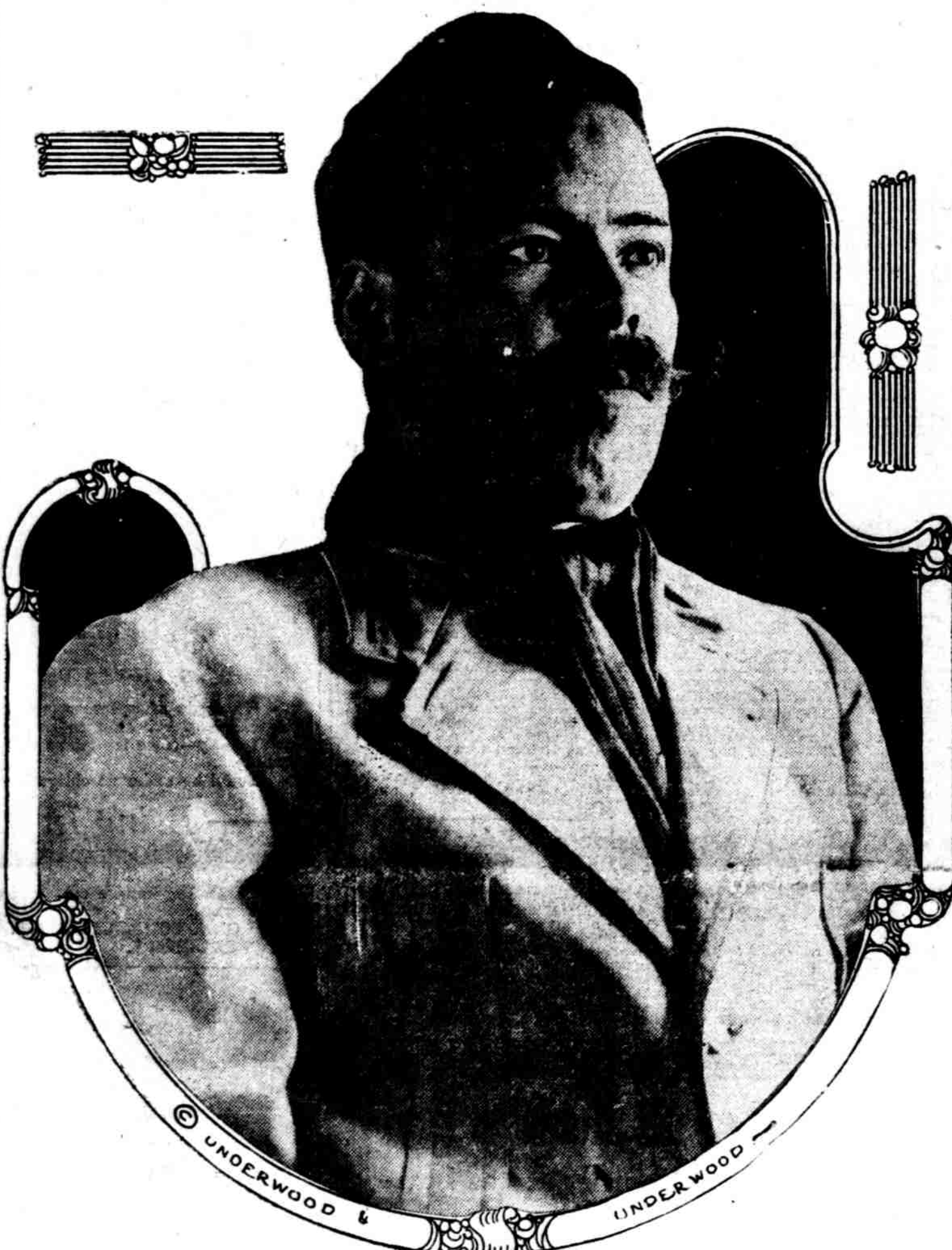
A Warm Session.

"It was a warm session, boys," declared Trotter, walking his eye at the newspapermen as he left the White House.

Others in the delegation included the Rev. Byron Gunn, of Hillburn, N. Y., president of the league; Thomas Walker, chairman of the Washington branch of the league; M. W. Spencer, of Wilmington; the Rev. E. E. Hicks, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Washington; and F. Morris Murray, of Virginia, all colored.

Addresses were made by Trotter, Gunn, Walker and Spencer, although the principal and, from the President's standpoint, the only objectionable remarks were uttered by Trotter. They presented copies of resolutions adopted by the Massachusetts legislature, and letters from Congressmen Thatcher, Mitchell and Gallivan of Massachusetts, all Democrats, protesting against the separation of the races in the Government service.

DOMINANT FIGURE IN MEXICAN STRIFE



GEN. PANTO VILLA.

Popularly termed "El Torro Del Norte," the "bull of the north."

THE NORTH CAROLINA IS REPORTED SAFE

The cruiser North Carolina, reported to have been blown up in Turkish waters, reported today safe and sound at Beirut.

She had not moved November 2 from her position, and had sustained no accident of any sort.

The dispatch came from the cruiser Tennessee at Mitylene, Greece. After the first message came half a dozen others were received by the Navy Department from the Tennessee over different routes, indicating a complete restoration of communication with Turkish cities after a interruption of more than a week.

The dispatches contained no mention of the reported landing of American marines in Turkey, where they were said to be protecting American lives and property. For this reason navy officials are inclined to doubt the truth of the report and also that Americans are in any danger.

Since the rumor regarding the North Carolina was first circulated several days ago the navy has been flooded with telegrams from relatives and friends of those aboard the vessel, and although Secretary of Navy Daniels repeatedly expressed confidence that the ship had met with no accident he was glad to announce the assurances contained in this morning's message.

Coal Office Robbed.

Henry C. Mockabee reported to the police of the Fourth precinct that his coal office at 110 Four-and-a-half street southwest was entered during the night and \$20 stolen from the cash drawer. Entrance was gained by forcing the rear door.

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Hopes for Peace In Mexico Dimmed

Administration Now Abandons the Plan for Withdrawing Troops From Vera Cruz, and Instead Will Strengthen Forces at That Point.

Plans of this Government for the evacuation of Vera Cruz and the withdrawal of troops from the Mexican border were wholly abandoned when confirmatory reports reached Washington today that the new Villa-Carranza revolution was on in full swing.

Evacuation of Vera Cruz, arrangements for which had progressed at one time to the point of naming a tentative date for withdrawing troops, is declared impossible now because there is no one in authority to whom the million dollars of customs collections can be turned over, and to whom the administration of affairs can be transferred.

WILL STRENGTHEN BORDER TROOPS.

Instead of moving troops from the Administration another period of watchful waiting. Says Situation Is Grave.

Dispatches to the War Department today from General Bliss state that a serious shrapnel fire was kept up part of last night by Governor Maytorena's forces attacking the Carranzista garrison at Naco, Mexico. No shell fell on American soil, Bliss reported, but the situation was so grave that he hastened to Naco, where he will personally direct the protection of American lives and property on this side of the border.

Re-establishment of the embargo on arms to Mexico was considered by officials today as one of the steps necessary to preserve neutrality and prevent prolongation of the new rebellion. The only hope of Administration officials is a march on Mexico City before Villa's forces reach the capital.

ALLIES' LEFT MEETS TERRIFIC ONSLAUGHT

SUBMARINE PASSED THROUGH MINE ZONE

German Vessel Defied Danger in Approaching Deal and Sinking Gunboat Niger.

By ED. L. KEEN.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—In approaching within a mile of the British coast off Deal and sinking the gunboat Niger, the German submarine which accomplished the feat passed directly through the deadly mine field recently laid for the protection of London and the Straits of Dover.

It was this realization today which stirred the British admiralty, as it was again forced to consider means of meeting the German submarine menace.

More Attacks Possible.

Only a submarine could have made the trip through the mine field, but the success of the vessel which struck the Niger is a clear indication that further attacks are possible.

The Niger was in full view of hundreds on shore when a dense column of smoke was suddenly seen to rise from her. She gave a heavy list and within a short time her crew was in the water, clinging to her shattered woodwork and bits of furniture. The loud explosion brought the people of Deal rushing to the pier. The rescue of the crew by galleys, which hurried out, could be seen from shore.

Hundred Vessels Near By.

There were perhaps a hundred vessels anchored in the Downs about the Niger. The admiralty officers are today admittedly suspicious of one small cruiser, which has been anchored alongside the Niger for several days. She flew the Dutch flag. This warship left the Downs only a short time before the Niger was struck. Efforts to learn the identity of the mysterious cruiser have failed, and some express the belief that she was not Dutch, but a German vessel, covering the movements of the submarine.

Lieutenant Commander Muir, commanding the Niger, in an interview following the torpedo which struck his vessel and the explosion which followed, declared that only four members of the crew were wounded, two seriously. All were rescued.

All Crew Rescued.

Lifelines were put out from Deal and Kingston when it was seen that the Niger was sinking. Rescuers declared the water was filled with men when they arrived. Lieutenant Commander Muir was the last man to leave his vessel and he jumped into the water only when the Niger was about to keel over.

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EIGHT ARE INJURED ON LEHIGH VALLEY.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 12.—Eight persons were injured when a Buffalo, N. Y., passenger train on the Lehigh Valley railroad was derailed near Easton today. Five passengers, one of whom was a child, and the engineer and fireman were hurt when the engine and three passenger coaches left the rails.

Files Suit to Recover \$3,000 Worth of Bonds

James A. Karriek was named defendant in a suit filed in the District Supreme Court today by W. H. Zepf, vice president of the United States Savings Bank, who seeks the recovery of \$3,000 of the bank's National Literature fund, which he alleges Mr. Karriek is withholding. It is claimed that Mr. Karriek, who formerly was Vice President of the United States Savings Bank, obtained possession of the fund in the exchange of real estate with Alfred M. Duckett, and has failed to surrender them.

Shields Statue Unveiled.

CHARLOTTE, Mo., Nov. 12.—Missouri today honored the memory of Brig. Gen. James Shields by unveiling a \$10,000 statue to this warrior.

BRITISH WARSHIPS SHELL GERMAN LINE

Kaiser Pours Re-enforcements Upon Right Wing Between Dixmude and the Lys to Cut Way to Belgian Coast—Opposing Lines Waver.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—News agency dispatches received here today from Petrograd declare the cruiser Goeben was struck and seriously injured during the recent bombardment in the Dardanelles.

A hole is said to have been pierced in the German cruiser, which is now a part of the Turkish navy. The hole is directly at the water line, the advices state.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—The most violent action in the western war theater continues from the coast to the Lys. The official statement from the war office this afternoon declares that the front has remained practically unchanged since Tuesday night.

The action on the left wing continues to be violent, however, with alternate advances and withdrawals of the allied forces.

In making their ferocious attacks in the vicinity of Dixmude, the Germans are hammering upon the allied lines toward Dunkirk.

This is one of the French ports the Kaiser is bent upon capturing. To the rear of Dixmude is the line to Dunkirk and the allied forces are offering stubborn resistance to the assaults being made at all points between the Lys and the coast.

The losses of the Germans in the taking of Dixmude are declared to be terrific. The heavy assault has convinced military experts that the German re-enforcements were concentrated along that section of the front.

The allied warships are aiding again the land forces in the fighting along the coast, shelling the German positions with telling effect.

Desperate Effort Is Made To Follow Kaiser's Order

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Heavily re-enforced and forging ahead with no regard to their losses, the Germans are fighting desperately to follow the Kaiser's orders and take Calais and Dunkirk "at any cost."

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UNABLE TO AGREE ON FUTURE PLANS

Franz Josef's Warriors Claim They Have Been Forced to Bear Brunt of Fighting.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 12.—Serious discussion has broken out between the Austrians and Germans, according to well authenticated reports that reached here today.

Following wide differences of opinion in the conduct of the campaign against the Russians, General Dankle, commander-in-chief of the Austrian forces, has refused absolutely to co-operate further with the German generals, and a breach that cannot be bridged is said to exist.

Captured officers of the Austrian army declare that the Austrian troops have been placed in the worst and most dangerous positions in all the fighting and treated with the utmost contempt by the Germans.

So intense is the feeling said to be between the captured German and Austrian officers that the Russians have been compelled to keep them separated. Still pressing forward against the German, Austrian, and Turkish lines, the Russian armies are continuing their successes at all points, according to the formal statement today.

An official report from the army of the Caucasus declares the Russians have occupied the entire valley of Alasbekt. An attempt of the Turks to turn the Russian flank has been defeated. There have been small skirmishes in the region of the River Tchokruk, in the province of Batum, on the east shore of the Black sea, in which Russian raiding parties have been successful.

"Our troops have approached the eastern outlets of the Nazovr Lakes, in east Prussia," the statement declares. "Fighting in the Golden Mowa, and Soudau districts has been successful. The energetic advance in Galicia continues."

TWO NEAR DROWNING AS AEROBOAT FALLS

Aviator and Photographer Have Narrow Escapes When Machine Drops.

A. C. Beach, aviator, and A. J. Sutton, newspaper photographer of this city, narrowly escaped drowning today when an aeroboot, in which they were flying, dropped into the Eastern Branch. Passing ashore the two men and towed ashore the remnants of the badly injured machine.

While several hundred feet in the air, taking moving pictures of prominent places in the vicinity of Washington, the pair was suddenly startled when the engine commenced to "hammer." Beach maintained control, and commenced to vibrate to earth and was steering for the edge of the water, when the aeroboot tumbled forward and then fell fifty feet into the water.

It continued to float and attracted the attention of persons in a motor boat, who threw out a line and "extricated" the drenched pair from the wreckage.

Together with his assistant, Simoa Mills, Beach was a principal in a similar accident on November 4, when his aircraft dropped into the Potomac at Chesapeake Point. At that time he and his companion were rescued by a tug, and the disabled machine was towed to the shore by the police boat.

Twelve Men Jailed As Murder Suspects

ST. PETERSBURG, Pa., Nov. 12.—Twelve colored men are held in jail today as suspects in connection with the murder Tuesday night of Edward F. Sherman, photographer, while he slept, who with the assault upon his housekeeper.